GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
CIVIL AVIATION
LOK SABHA

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Development of Model Airports
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Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) the number of airports which have been/are being renovated and developed as model airports in the country and the expenditure likely to be incurred thereon along with time by which there are proposed to be developed;

(b) whether the Government proposes to renovate the Agartala Airport of Agartala and develop it as model airport;

(c) if so, the details thereof;

(d) whether the Government proposes to declare Agartala Airport as an International Airport and if so, the details thereof; and

(e) whether there is a demand to start Air India direct flight from Delhi- Agartala-Delhi and if so, the time by which it is likely to be started?

Answer

Minister of State in the Ministry of CIVIL AVIATION
(Dr Mahesh Sharma)

(a) : There is no such concept of model airports at present. However, the state-wise details of airports taken up for development/renovation by the Airports Authority of India (AAI) during the last three years are at Annexure- I.

(b) & (c) : In order to upgrade/renovate the Agartala Airport with a New Integrated Terminal Building for handling both domestic and international operations having capacity of 1200 peak Hours passengers and a new apron with 06 parking bays for A-320 type of Aircraft, AAI has engaged a consultant for Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) and has completed the soil investigation and site survey

(d) : There is no such proposal at present.

(e) : There are 17 flights of Air India, 14 flights of Indigo, 14 flights of Spice jet which are operating on a weekly basis on Agartala-Kolkata sector and vice-versa.Flight operations in domestic sector have been deregulated and the airlines are free to operate anywhere in the country subject to Route Dispersal Guidelines (RDG) issued by the Government. It is upto the airline operators to provide air services to specific places depending upon the traffic demand and commercial viability.